



Ormond & Grant Park

Park of the Month



Ormond and Grant Park is located in Southeast Atlanta on the corner of Grant Street and Ormond Street. This park had just one large yet older playground and several benches and an existing water fountain. The beauty of the park was the shade provided by several large trees which is an ideal location to have small picnics away from the crowds you may have at its neighboring Grant Park. There is also side street parking available.

The crew decided at the first of the season to work on this park in hopes to enter it as park of the month later because of the potential this small neighborhood park held. They first began their work by removing the sand under the playground with the help of the ball field crew and their equipment and then the crew replaced it with 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ tractor trailer loads (175 cubic yards) of playground mulch. They brought in over 12 loads of wood chip mulch for the park to use around the trees and under the junipers on the banks.

Many of the trees were hanging down close to the ground so they pruned up the trees to make everything more visible and safer, even for the employees on the turf equipment. The crew cut back the overgrown ivy on the wall to make it more manageable and open up the view of the park. The crew also tree formed two very large ligustrum bushes which were at the entrance at Atlanta Avenue. These bushes were so dense you could not see through them before the crew began working on them, now they provide a welcoming entrance to the park.

This year they were concentrating more on getting a turf cover so that this fall they can begin to work on the weed control. They have over seeded the turf with Panama Bermuda grass seed. The crew also is edging and it is evident in this park along the walkways and shrub beds with crisp clean edges. The grass is growing but there are still some bare areas which have been re-seeded again in hopes of rain. Also the crew has chosen to apply lime to the turf in order improve the quality rather than more fertilizer. They have found that improving the ph has improved the turf texture and appearance.

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